

Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credential™ Candidates are in need of qualified individuals to serve as their Professional Development Specialists (PDS) for the initial CDA® and Early Childhood Education (ECE) Reviewers for CDA® renewal.

ECE Reviewer:

Renewal Candidates must select an early childhood professional to serve as their Early Childhood Education (ECE) Reviewer. The role of the ECE Reviewer is twofold:

1. To verify that the Renewal Candidate has worked at least 80 hours with children, in the setting of their original credential, within the past year; and,
2. Complete a recommendation based on their work with these children. The person selected as the ECE Reviewer must meet the experience and education requirements included in the [Early Childhood Education \(ECE\) Reviewer booklet](#).

There is no application to become an ECE Reviewer. If you meet the qualifications, then let Early Childhood Educators in your network know! You could help CDA Candidates renew their CDA.

Professional Development Specialist:

The PD Specialist is responsible for completing the CDA Verification Visit® with a candidate who applying for their initial CDA. The PD Specialist reviews the candidate's professional portfolio, observes the candidate working with children in their program, and conducts a reflective dialogue.

The requirements to become a PD Specialist can be found [here](#). For their work PD Specialists receive a \$100 honorarium per completed verification visit and may also be eligible to receive a [CDA PD Specialist Stipend](#) through Child Care Aware of Minnesota. For more information about the role of PD Specialist, visit the [Council website](#).